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Dan Forgey, farm manager at Cronin Farms in South Dakota, has been using no-till management for more than 17 years. Visit sare.org for a new video illustrating how he integrated cover crops on his 8500 acre farm.

www.sare.org/publications/FromTheField_Forgey1.htm



This is the third in a series of "how-to" videos funded by the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program and produced by [Cooking Up A Story](#). SARE is pleased to be part of this cooperative venture, and to share the rich heritage, knowledge and individual stories of some of our past farmer grant recipients.

Regards,
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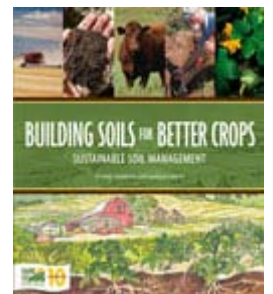
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Building Soils for Better Crops

Throughout the 2006-2007 droughts, a West Virginia beef and crop farmer maintained yields and produced quality vegetables on his 1,900-acre operation. His secret: using no-till and other ecologically based soil management methods.

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A Lancaster County, Penn., farmer used no-till, rotations and cover crops on his 215-acre farm to reverse the severe erosion on his sloping terrain. Today his farm is a nationally recognized showcase for successful farming using ecologically based soil-building techniques.



These are just a few of the thousands of American farmers and ranchers using ecologically based soil management methods to build soil quality while leaving a lighter footprint on the land.

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